

MINUTES OF COCKFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2017 7.30. P.M.
AT COCKFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Derek Southgate (Chairman), Councillors Janne Cutting-Keyton, Robin Morley, Ralph Turner, Rodney Williams, Rod Portwood, Carl Brinkley and Alan Morgan.

County Councillor Robert Lindsay, District Councillor Clive Arthey, Mrs Trudie Harkin (Head Cockfield School), Tony Box (United Charities), Dick Bayes (Catey) Gerry Blake (Congregational Church), Norman Kelly (St Peters Church), Joe Brinkley (Football Club) and 19 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the newly elected County Councillor Robert Lindsay.
In Parish Council Clerk Doug Reeds absence the minutes were taken by Alan Mogan.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Were received from Neil Ashton, Brenda Dyer, Paul Heather, Rev Sharon Potter, Barbara Ruffell, Gillian Hodge and Doug Reed.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Were read and approved by proposal from Janne Cutting-Keyton, seconded by Robin Morley.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT: Robert Lindsay gave his report (copy attached). He received questions on Highways issues, pot holes and speed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT: Clive Arthey gave his annual report (copy attached)

6. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT: Derek Southgate gave the annual report (copy attached). Questions on speed issues continued and progress with the VAS equipment sites. It is hoped the new County Councillor may chase up the designated council official to move things along.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS and ACTIVITIES

7.1. COCKFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Chairman Rodney Williams gave the annual report (written copy attached). Trudi Harkin complimented the Earls Meadow Project and benefits to the children of Cockfield School.

7.2. COCKFIELD VILLAGE HALL: Committee Chairman Janne Cutting-Keaton gave the report (written copy attached).

7.3. HOUSING PROJECT MACKENZIE PLACE: Parish Council Housing Officer Robin Morley gave a report on the new development at Mackenzie Place. He covered the progress to date and the recent Village Open event. He answered questions on the timing of likely development.

7.4. COCKFIELD SCHOOL: Head Teacher Trudie Harkin gave the annual report and answered questions on the benefits to the School which may arise from the new housing development which she thought would be positive. (copy Attached).

7.5. CATEY PRE SCHOOL: Chairman Dick Bayes gave the annual report (written copy attached). He answered questions on Lavenham operations and the age range for Catey.

7.6. ST PETERS CHURCH: Church Warden Norman Kelly gave the annual report (full written copy attached)

7.7. COCKFIELD W.I.: Member Janne Cutting-Keyton gave the annual report (written copy attached).

7.8. COCKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Gerry Blake gave the annual report (written copy attached).

7.9. GREEN LINKS: Editor Janne Cutting-Keaton gave the report (written copy attached). Alan Gardener complimented Rod Williams for his regular contribution.

7.10. UNITED CHARITIES OF COCKFIELD ANNUAL REPORT: Trustee Chairman Tony Box gave the annual report and accounts (written copies attached)

7.11. COCKFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB: Club Secretary Joe Brinkley gave the annual report (copy attached)

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Chairman invited comments from members of the public.

Alan Gardener raised concerns on speeding issues at Windsor Green and traffic calming measures including the new VAS were discussed.

Mrs Morag Kelly asked about progress on the Lavenham Road Glebe Land. Robin Morley gave an update on discussions with the Diocese. to date.

Dick Bayes asked about surface repairs on the Great Green following recent drainage works. The Chairman and Greens Committee Chairman gave a response. Janne Cutting-Keyton wished to record thanks to Neil Ashton for his work on the Village Web-Site.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman sadly reported the passing of Tony Webster Ex Head Teacher of Cockfield School. On behalf of the Parish wished to record their thanks for his service and offer condolences.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.